

MALLE et al.
Appl. No. 10/055,366
February 1, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-76 have been canceled above, without prejudice.

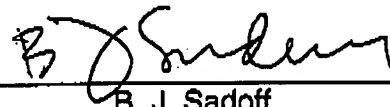
Claims 77-104 are pending. Claim 105 has been added. No further fee is believed to be required as the applicants believe that 75 claim have been previously paid for. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, on page 17, lines 19-24 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

A Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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